

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A security substrate comprising:
a substrate; and
at least two elongate security elements each having a width of less than or equal to 6mm,
wherein said at least two security elements are at least partially embedded within said substrate and run substantially parallel to each other with a gap therebetween of no greater than 10mm, and
wherein said at least two security elements and said gap occupy a zone that has a total cross-directional width that is less than or equal to 18mm.
2. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least two security elements each have a width of less than or equal to 4mm.
3. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least two security elements each have a width of less than or equal to 2mm.
4. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said width of said zone is less than or equal to 14mm.
5. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gap is greater than or equal to 1mm.
6. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 5, wherein said gap is greater than or equal to 2mm.
7. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least two security elements have identical security features.

8. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least two security elements have different security features.

9. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least two security elements wander from a linear path in a cross-direction of said substrate, and wherein said cross-directional width of said zone includes an amplitude of said wander.

10. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least two security elements are wholly embedded within said substrate.

11. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said at least two security elements are exposed ~~via a feature selected from the group essentially consisting of:~~ at windows in at least one surface of said substrate, ~~at least one hole through said substrate, and at least one aperture through said~~ substrate.

12. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 11, wherein all of said at least two security elements are exposed via the same feature window.

13. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed in claim 11, wherein each of said at least two security elements is exposed at separate features windows to those at which the other security element is exposed.

14. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed claim 13, wherein said feature window via which one of said at least two security elements is exposed is in register with said feature window via which an other of said at least two security elements is exposed.

15. (Currently amended) A security substrate as claimed claim 13, wherein said feature window via which one of said at least two security elements is exposed is not in register with said feature window via which an other of said at least two security elements is exposed.

16. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said at least two security elements is provided with at least one security feature which is registered with at least one security feature on an other of said at least two security elements.

17. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said at least two security elements is provided with at least one security feature which is registered with at least one security feature on said substrate.

18. (Currently amended) A security article ~~including said security substrate of claim 1~~ comprising:

a substrate; and
at least two elongate security elements each having a width of less than or equal to 6mm,
wherein said at least two security elements are at least partially embedded within said substrate and run substantially parallel to each other with a gap therebetween of no greater than 10mm, and
wherein said at least two security elements and said gap occupy a zone that has a total cross-directional width that is less than or equal to 18mm.

19. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said substrate is plastic.

20. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 19, wherein said substrate is a filmic plastic.

21. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said substrate is a mix of paper and plastic fibres.

22. (Previously presented) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said substrate is paper.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A security article as claimed in claim 18, wherein said security article is ~~selected from the group consisting essentially of: a banknote, passport, a certificate, and a document of value.~~

25. (New) A security substrate as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of said two security elements is exposed in at least one hole or aperture through the substrate.

26. (New) A security substrate as claimed in claim 25, wherein all of said at least two security elements are exposed at the same hole or aperture.

27. (New) A security substrate as claimed in claim 25, wherein each of said at least two security elements is exposed in a separate hole or aperture to those at which the other security element is exposed.

28. (New) A security substrate as claimed in claim 27, wherein said hole or aperture via which one of said at least two security elements is exposed is in register with said hole or aperture via which another of said at least two security elements is exposed.

29. (New) A security substrate as claimed in claim 27, wherein said hole or aperture via which one of said at least two elements is exposed is not in register with said hole or aperture at which another of said at least two security elements is exposed.

30. (New) A security article as claimed in claim 18, wherein said security article is a passport.

31. (New) A security article as claimed in claim 18, wherein said security article is a certificate.

32. (New) A security article as claimed in claim 18, wherein said security article is a document of value.